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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I live in Sebastopol, California. For years I have been a customer of a small internet company, Sonic.net. I had left a couple of large companies that I originally had used for my internet.

This small business in Northern California provides a multitude of services, excellent speed, and local, direct customer service. When I call my Sonic number for support I actually talk with someone local who is really helpful! I'm not talking with someone off-shore who I can't understand.

In the more recent past Sonic has been working on infrastructure to expand down- and up-load speeds with fiber. This is a terrific enhancement for our communities.

We need to continue to support smaller, customer oriented services like Sonic. Recently, I understand that ATT and their industry partner, US Telecom, is attempting to deregulate access to some of their end stage copper cables so they can freeze out the small businesses that are really forcing competition which is providing more service, better service, and competitive pricing.

Please do not allow this.

Thank you for your attention to this,

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